What is the time lapse between Jesus comments in Matthew 5:18 and Luke 16:17?

Matthew 5:18 and Luke 16:17 contain similar teachings about the permanence of the Law, but they were spoken in entirely different contexts approximately **2 to 2.5 years apart**.

Matthew 5:18 (Early Ministry, ~ AD 27-28)

Jesus spoke Matthew 5:18 during the **Sermon on the Mount**, which occurred early in his public ministry—likely within the first year following his baptism and temptation. This sermon took place in Galilee near Capernaum, shortly after Jesus had begun calling his disciples and establishing his ministry base.[1] [2] [3]

Luke 16:17 (Late Ministry, ~ AD 30)

Jesus spoke Luke 16:17 during his **Perean ministry**, in the closing months of his public ministry as he journeyed from Galilee toward Jerusalem. This teaching appears in the context of the parable of the shrewd manager (Luke 16:1-15) and Jesus' confrontation with the Pharisees, taking place east of the Jordan River in the region of Perea.[4] [5] [6]

The Time Gap

The chronological gap between these two statements spans approximately **two to two and a half years**—the majority of Jesus' estimated 3.5-year public ministry. While both passages share thematic content about the enduring nature of God's law, they represent different instances where Jesus addressed this topic: first to the crowds gathered for his inaugural sermon in Galilee, and later to disciples and Pharisees during his final journey to Jerusalem.[7] [2] [8] [4]

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